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TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SECRETARY MAKE BRIEF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS AT ORLY AIRPORT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO PARIS FEBRUARY 18-19. QUAI D'ORSAY ADVISES THAT TOASTS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE EXCHANGED AT FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER FEBRUARY 18. DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOLLOW:

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: "IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, AFTER THIS MOST RECENT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TO COME TO FRANCE TO SHARE WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE SITUATION IN THE REGION. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES, NOW AS EVER, THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE AS A KEY ELEMENT IN A STRONG ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. WE APPRECIATE THE INTERESTS OF FRANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND HOPE THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS WILL FURTHER OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF HOW A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT MAY BE ACHIEVED. IN THE SPIRIT OF MARTINIQUE, I ALSO HOPE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DISCUSSIONS UNDERTAKEN BY PRESIDENTS FORD AND GISCARD

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D'ESTAING LAST DECEMBER."

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT: "I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, BOTH FOR THE WARMTH OF ITS RECEPTION AND FOR THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND THEIR COLLEAGUES HAVE SHOWN FOR THE EFFORTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AND IS MAKING TO CONTRIBUTE TO A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. OUR DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BEFITTING OLD ALLIES.

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